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Shortage of one,two and five rupees coins
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of one, two and five rupees coins in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate quantity of coins to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT G GEETE)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, there were some interruptions in the smooth flow of remittances to currency chests and small coin depots in Gujarat during the first half of 2002 due to disturbed conditions prevailing in the state.

(b) Government has taken a number of steps to overcome shortage of coins in Gujarat State.The Reserve Bankof India (RBI) has allocated 605 million pieces (MPCs) of rupee coins of variousdenominations to Regional Office at Ahmedabad for the year2002-2003. Whenever any complaint is received about shortage, immediate arrangement is made by RBI`s Regional Office atAhmedabad to send the remittance of coins to currency chests at the concerned places. In addition, the distribution of coins is also arranged through mobile vans/melas by the Regional Office at Ahmedabad.